

Biathlon Ontario
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, May 15, 2004, 10:00 a.m.
Walden Cross-Country Fitness Club

Present:: Bob Woods Graham Lindsay Alvin Punkkinen
 Marcia Ranger Bill Hutter Jim Miller
 Tom Endleman

1. Introduction of Executive and Attendees
2. President's Opening Remarks
3. Approval of the 2003 AGM Minutes

Motion by Marcia, seconded by Alvin, that the 2003 AGM minutes be accepted.
Carried.

4. Reports from the Executive

President (see attached) – Naughton range location was discussed and Alvin, Marcia and Tom were encouraged to pursue what was started last year.

Blue Ridge (Collingwood) a good possibility for races, but a committed coordinator is needed for that area.

Junior boys and girls are going to be dropped from the Nationals, so it will be important to keep the lower-level competitions going.

Vice President High Performance (see attached) - François Beaupré has basically withdrawn from Biathlon Ontario; the report was submitted on his behalf by Graham and Bob.

Treasurer (see attached Financial Report and Asset Inventory) – we've had great success using Greyhound Bus Lines for shipping – minor changes made to Asset Report – **Graham to recover assets from François – Bob Woods to ensure repair of rifles – Marcia to retrieve the four .22 targets from Karen Kristy post training camp, and bring them to Walden for storage.**

Membership Coordinator (see attached) – important to note that numbers were inflated due to cadet officers attending courses.

Motion by Alvin, seconded by Bob, that the reports from the President, VP High Performance, Treasurer (financial, asset inventory) and Membership Coordinator be accepted as presented.

Carried.

5. Report on the Ontario Winter Games

OWG were excellent – lots of parents to help. Lots of funding was put into rifles and targets (= assets). Thanks to Alvin for pulling in all the athletes.

Cooperation with cross-country skiers was good, lots of interest shown from their competitors.

Biathlon was the fastest group to get results out on the web.

6. Update on the Use of the Petawawa Biathlon Facility

Petawawa is still up in the air (Peter Westlake will hopefully help us out with this). There is no building access (Boy Scouts have it = rental possibilities?), already some grooming being done, site needs a bit of work. Most importantly, the targets are in dire need of maintenance! Nearby yacht club also a possibility for building access during events.

Very likely that we can host a race there next year. There are no club or biathlon representatives there to coordinate things, though.

7. New Clubs / Facilities

Interest from Brockville (last summer they held a summer biathlon event supported (but not sanctioned) by Biathlon Ontario, with locally-made targets. Terry Fox is contact there.

Walden is on-going as a club, a possibility as a facility.

Ottawa is in place and training, but there's not really a formed club. The Hurleys and Jennifer Lafrenière would be good people to coordinate a race there.

Pickering – Vincent Shiu is involved with cadets there, wants to start up a club.

Parry Sound – Georgian Ski Club? Has shown some interest in starting a club.

London – interest shown from here, too.

Highlands – Jim Miller has a small group that he's working with.

8. Developments with the Cadet Organization

Running courses available to cadet officers gives us new members, a cost benefit – Peter Westlake as a contact is an asset. Lots of positive feedback from those who attended the Officials' Course last fall.

Coordination of competitions is very important! The Cadet schedule is supposed to be out within the next couple of weeks.

9. 2004-2005 Proposed Races

August 21 – Brockville – Summer Biathlon (already on web site)

August 29 – Highlands – Training Camp (date depends on when Blackdown shuts down and cadets are available to attend)

Late October – Blue Ridge – Training Camp (Karen Kristy or Jen Hutter? **Bill to contact Jen & get back to Bob**)

Fall – Walden - 2-day Training Camp & Air Rifle Competition

January – Walden – Air Rifle Event

Beginning of January – Sault - .22 Event

End of January / early February – Petawawa – 2-day .22 Event (**someone to contact Cathy McLeod?**)

March – Highlands – Air Rifle Event? – Jim to schedule if possible (OFSSAA being hosted there at the end of Feb)

Contact the Hurleys for a possible .22 event in Ottawa? Or, host a second .22 Event in Petawawa.

Once a schedule is established, we should designate one as an Ontario Championships Race.

Nationals race dates need to be confirmed.

10. 2004-2005 Proposed Courses

We must contact the Cadets and find out what they want – Coaching Level I and II? Officials' Course Basic and Advanced? To be scheduled for the fall (end Oct / early Nov). Get as many new members as possible and encourage them to participate in Biathlon Ontario events.

11. Election of Executive Positions

Motion by Bob, seconded by Jim, that Alvin be nominated as President. Alvin accepted. No other nominations.

Acclaimed.

Motion by Bob, seconded by Bill, that Marcia be nominated as Treasurer and Membership Coordinator. Marcia accepted. No other nominations.

Acclaimed.

Vice President High Performance will be left open for the time being.

12. Establishment of Fees for 2004-2005

Motion by Marcia, seconded by Graham, that the Biathlon Ontario membership fees, effective 01 September 2004, be established such that Day Memberships will be double Biathlon Canada's Day Membership fee; IBU and Elite Class Memberships will be \$25 above the Biathlon Canada equivalent fee, and Supporting Members and Non-IBU Competitors will pay \$10 more than the equivalent Biathlon Canada fee.

Carried.

13. Future of Biathlon Ontario

Unresolved question: do we become members of Cross-Country Ontario? We deal a lot with the ski clubs. Will we lose our identity and say in matters? Will it make biathlon more palatable as a sport? The Sudbury Biathlon Club, i.e., plans to merge with the Walden Cross-Country Fitness Club.

With regard to event and training sites: we have them available, but **need local individuals willing to make the competitions happen!**

14. Other Business

Treasurer stuff: Quicken has already been approved for purchase, at a previous meeting; **Marcia to purchase and submit bill for re-imbusement. Graham to initiate smooth signature changeover and account transfer, e-mail files to Marcia.**

It was stated that altering air rifles (harnesses, hand stops, etc.) is okay for a rifle that is owned by a competitor, but not for the Biathlon Ontario rifles.

Web site maintenance to be continued by Graham for now.

Athlete of the year nominees:

Male Athlete: David Endleman (Alvin), Donald Sutherland (Jim)
Donald Sutherland wins by vote

Female Athlete: Mikelle Ménard (Marcia), Kelsey Collins (Alvin)
Tie by vote

Volunteer: Alvin Punkkinen (Bob/Marcia)

Official: Graham Lindsay (Bill/Bob)

Marcia volunteered to make up formal award certificates to be presented to the winners.

Renting out of air rifles – it was decided that the Biathlon Ontario rifles would be rented out to individuals, including case and metal target, for \$25 for the season.
Graham & Bob to draft up a formal agreement.

For those interested, there is some wonderful air rifle information available through the cadet web site.

Accolades were given out to Bob and Graham in appreciation for all they have done for Biathlon Ontario over the years. It has been **tabled to the next executive meeting** that consideration be given to some kind of honorary tribute to them.

Meeting Closed: 3:00 p.m.